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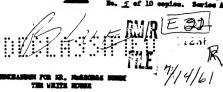
#### MEMORANDUM FOR MRL. MGEORGE BUNDY THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Chronology of Preparation of United States Reply to Soviet Aide-Memoire of June 4

With reference to our recent telephone conversation, I am sending you the enclosed chronology of the preparaton of the United States reply to the Soviet aide-memoire on Germany and Berlin received on June 4, 1961 in Vienna.

L. D. Battle
Executive Secretary

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#### CHRONOLOGY OF PREPARATION OF US REPLY TO SOVIET AIDE-MEMOIRE OF JUNE 4

This chronology of the preparation of the US reply to the Soviet aide-memoire on Germany and Berlin received on June 4, 1961 in Vienna has been reconstructed as accurately as possible on the basis of existing records and the recollections of the Departmental officers concerned and reflects the main steps in the development of the reply.

It should be noted that under the best conditions Western repsonse to Soviet communications-involving, in addition top internal US procedures, the long and laborious process of full consultation with the British, French, and Germans and increasingly close consultation with the other eleven NATO allies-is a time-consuming process. By way of comparison, the Soviet note of November 27, 1958, which started the current crisis, was answered on December 31, 1958. The Soviet note of November 11, 1959 on the Berlin radio station was answered December 15, 1959. The one of July 28, 1960 on the same subject was answered on September 8, 1960. The Soviet note of May 16, 1960 on Berlin legislation was answered on September 8, 1960.

- June 4 Aide-memoire received in Vienna.
- <u>June 5</u> Aicle-memoires given all NATO members and received in Department. Department prepared a detailed comparison with the dozen most recent Soviet communications on this subject to see if there were any differences.
- <u>June 6</u> Department prepared detailed study of proposal to submit legal issues to International Court of Justice.
- June 7 Department prepared a draft reply in the form of a detailed point-by-point refutation. Although rearranged, added to, and subtracted from, this draft remained the basis for the reply throughout the entire exercise.
- June 8 Department prepared revised draft, as instructed, to include reference legal issues to International Court and transmitted it to White House in time to make the President's plans to Palm Beach with request for agreement in principle to provide basis for further discussion within US Government and with our allies.
- June 9 Department informed French of anticipated schedule of consultation.

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- June 12 Informed USRO Paris they could inform NATO consultation there contemplated as soon as possible after quadripartite consultation completed.
- June 13 French and British respond discussion of German draft reply to Soviet aide-memoire of February 17 in light of current exercise. Received initial German views.
- June 14 Department prepared revised draft with two altenative endings: 1) reference to Court; and all-Berlin solution. USRO informed NATO as directed. NATO stressed necessity more than couple of days to study.
- June 15 Gave US draft reply to Deputy Under Secretary Sir Evelyn Shuckburgh, who, in turn, presented detailed British suggestions for reply.
- June 16 Draft given US members Interdepartmental
  Coordinating Group on Berlin Contingency Planning,
  Germans, and French and discussed with French
  Foreign Office official Jean Laloy and Sir Evelyn
  Shuckburgh.
- June 17 Four Power Working Group discussed draft.
  Received detailed German comments. Publicity
  themes quadriparititely approved.
- June 19 Comments received from White House.
- <u>June 20</u> Department prepared new version of reply with ICJ proposal.
- <u>June 22</u> Department discussed draft with Ambassador Thompson and incorporated certain of his suggestions.
- June 26 Meeting Four Power Working Group received new US draft and completed substantive consideration German reply. Considered timing. French proposed three (US, UK, French) substantially indentical replies to Soviets. This agreed and Court proposal excluded as had all-Berlin proposal been earlier due to French, German, British objections. All suggested various changes in language and substance. New draft prepared and distributed.
- June 28 French submitted text their proposed reply and translation was made. At Four Power Working Group

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June 29 - Four Power Working Group meeting proposed various changes. New version issued.

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June 30 - Four Power Working Group agreed to send three communications with identical "operative" language. UK and US proposed US reply proceeds UK and French. Various changes suggestedl. Tentative delivery schedule approved German reply July 6, US July 10, British and French July 12. Germans asked to be mentioned in first paragraph.

Department prepared new version of draft and transmitted to White House for sending on President's plane to Hyannis Port.

- <u>July 2</u> New version on US draft prepared incorporating White House suggestions.
- <u>July 3</u> Materials received from Hyannis Port containing major revisions in draft.
- July 4 Presidential statement and new draft reply prepared to take account of materials from Hyannis Port.
- <u>July 5</u> Report made to NATO. NATO again asked for sufficient time for consultations.

Secretary met with UK, French, German Ambassadors to discuss new version with changes suggested by White House. French requested delivery of three replies same day. Germans were asked to delay delivery their reply until July 10. German inclusion discussed. Germans and British proposed various changes. British submitted their draft. Presidential statement circulated.

<u>July 6</u> - Department circulated text President statement to Embassy Moscow-later to Bonn, London, Paris, and Berlin.

Department gave British and French version of summation paragraph.

New French draft translated and reproduced for circulation.

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July 7 - British draft reproduced for circulation.

New US text reproduced and circulated incorporating further White House changes.

Presidential statement reproduced and circulated.

Four Power Working Group Meeting under Secretary's chairmanship. New changes of language agreed and draft readied for circulation in NATO. British and French texts also discussed. New US draft reproduced for distribution. Text of new version sent to Paris.

July 7 to present - NATO consultation.

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Mr. Bundy called me this afternoon and most apologatically asked my assistance in getting prepared for the President in the next two days a paper summarising the chromology of the preparation of the Aide Hemoire on Berlin. He said that he wastmost reluctant to ask this and he hoped that there was some way to prepare this without calling upon Hillenbrand and the group which is working at present under great pressure. I said that I thought BO could do it and would only have to check for accuracy with GER. He said he would be most grataful if we could give him a report on the matter on the basis outlined shove.

I told him that I had just heard that Mr. de Gaulle had raised objections to one part of the draft and that the full chronology probably could not yet be written but that I would embark on it up to the present moment.